

## **Public Notice – Environmental Project**

### **PURPOSE OF NOTICE:**

The Department of Environmental Quality seeks public comment on the state's response to the environmental aspects of a proposed project in Charles City County, Virginia.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

July 16, 2013 to August 13, 2013

### **TYPE OF RESPONSE:**

Federal Consistency Certification

DEQ is reviewing a proposed federal permitting action to determine if it is consistent with the Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program (VCP) established pursuant to the U.S. Coastal Zone Management Act. The VCP seeks to protect the quality of air, water or other natural resources in Virginia's coastal area.

### **NAME OF AGENCY PROPOSING THE PROJECT:**

DOD/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

### **PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Henderson, Inc. (applicant), in cooperation with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), has submitted a Joint Permit Application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for the issuance of an individual permit pursuant Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to construct the New Market Heights Phase of the Capital Trail Project in Charles City County. The applicant proposes to construct a 10.5-mile-long, 10-foot-wide asphalt trail with 3-foot wide graded shoulders on each side. A 2:1 fill slope will be used where possible to minimize the footprint of impact. Timber bridges will be used for the crossing of named streams (Bailey Creek, Crewes Channel, Turkey Island Creek, and Kimages Creek). The bridges will completely span the channel at Baileys Creek and Crewes Channel, while pilings will be required within the jurisdictional limits at Turkey Island and Kimages Creek. Bridges will be built using top-down construction methods, which will avoid temporary impacts during construction. The construction will have direct impacts to approximately 1.48 acres of vegetated wetlands, conversion impacts to 0.06 acres of wetlands, and permanent impacts to 712 linear feet of streams. The purpose of the U.S. Federal Highways Administration (FHWA) funded project is to provide a multi-use trail to provide safe, recreational, multi-modal travel opportunities ultimately linking the City of Richmond and the City of Williamsburg.

### **HOW TO COMMENT:**

DEQ accepts comments from the public by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must include the name, address and telephone number of the person commenting and be received by DEQ within the comment period. The public may review the project documents at DEQ's central office in Richmond.

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